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Whither The Grads? Most Will Continue Education In College Or Technical Schools

With dark, dull skies, a threat of rain, and an outdoor graduation scheduled, Thursday was a day of big decisions at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. Graduation was set for 6 p.m., and at 5:05 p.m., the Weather Bureau established that Union County was safe from storms, and that rain was moving northward into Morris County. However, the skies continued to look terribly black, and at 5:45 p.m., the decision was made to move microphones, guest, diplomas, and graduates indoors -- a fortunate decision in light of the fact that the skies opened up at 7 p.m., deluging the Union County area.



Photo by John Van Vleet

Graduation is an emotional event! Two of the Class of 1973 are overwhelmed for a moment!

The head count for the indoor commencement was 2,000, the humidity was 93 degrees, and the temperature was 88. Regardless of all the negatives, a class of 548 said their final farewells to Scotch Plains - Fanwood and received their diplomas from Joseph M. Parry, III, President of the Scotch Plains - Fanwood Board of Education.

The invocation and benediction for graduation were given by Rev. Ralph Kievit of Scotch Plains Baptist Church, and featured speakers were Dr. Terry Riegel, Principal of the school, and Richard Ruyle, President of the graduating class.

Superintendent of Schools Fred Laberge announced that the class

Gas Shortage Becomes Reality In Community

Cush's Chevron Service Station at the corner of Park and Mountain Avenues in Scotch Plains is out of gasoline, and Mr. Cush isn't expecting any "refills" until around the first of next month. His situation isn't unusual. Irv Hill, at Hill's BP station is also gas-less. Hank Piekarski at Fanwood Citgo had only Premium this Tuesday.

According to Cush's, he's been receiving a quota "and then some". In other words, each Chevron station is allotted or rationed an amount of gas per month equal to what the station sold in the same month last year. However, Cush's could sell way over the quota -- in fact, the demand is two and a half times the amount of gas Cush's has on hand.

"There's something in the wind someplace," the station owner says. People are traveling all over the place to find gas. He had a customer this week who claimed to be the wife of the president of Chevron, but the station couldn't help her out.

Hank Piekarski at Fanwood Citgo is also rationed, but his allotments have been reduced from last year's sales. Originally, he was informed on May 1 that he's have 10 percent less gas delivered. On June 1, his distributor said 20 percent less. His sales representative is encouraging him to close on Sundays. With no Regular in his

tanks, Piekarski laughingly admitted that it even was affecting him personally, since he couldn't go fishing without regular gas for his boat engine.

He recently made a trip to Vermont, and found not a single station open between Vermont and New York. At the moment, Piekarski is pumping for whatever drivers drive in . . . but if things get really tight, he'll take care of his regular customers with a bit of preferential treatment.

Rickwood Chevron's Bill Rickwood has a monthly quota of 30,000 gallons, but could sell 40,000 or 45,000 gallons if he could get it. He went on allotment May 1st from Chevron.

He has cut hours back, closing on Sundays and an hour earlier than usual at night. He is considering a 6 p.m. closing, in an effort to make his monthly allotment last.

"One thing's for sure, if I were going on a trip, I'd make

Teenagers Clash With Police In LaGrande Park

DEADLINE CHANGE

Because of the Holiday on Wednesday, July 4, closing time for next weeks issue will be

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was certified for graduation and names of the graduates were read by Cindy Davis, class secretary and Terry Cook, class vice-president.

Of the 548 graduates, 305 will go on to further education at four-year colleges, and 52 plan to attend junior colleges in September. Another 39 will continue their education at career schools (airline, art, nursing, technical, vocational, etc.). Four members of the class have enlisted in military service, 102 have plans for fulltime employment, and 23 are indefinite regarding their futures. Those continuing their educations will attend schools in 37 states and five foreign countries, and will share at least \$177,345.00 in scholarship funds.



Superintendent of Schools Fred Laberge speaking at graduation.

sure it was in the first two weeks of a month, when the stations will have gas," Rickwood said.

Why the shortage? Rickwood really doesn't claim to know, since "Nixon can't figure it out, Secretary of Transportation can't figure it out, and the oil companies don't have the solution," but he wonders whether it isn't attributable to the new cars with emission controls which get only 5 miles to a gallon in some cases, the stabilization of prices which no longer drives car owners out to the highways for gasoline bargains, and the fewer independent gas stations in existence.

Littering, Beer Drinking, Noise Charged. One Arrest, Nine Summonses. Policeman Assaulted.

Fanwood Borough Hall was the generation gap personified on Tuesday night, as a handful of local officials in short hair and short sleeved shirts met until almost midnight with approximately 35 to 40 young people in long hair and dungarees regarding problems surrounding the young people's gathering spot at LaGrande Park.

Earlier on Tuesday evening, Lieutenant Charles Persson of the Fanwood Police had arrested Louis Caruso for possession of beer inside the park at 7:30 p.m., and warned a group of about 15 teenagers that they were violating the Borough anti-loitering ordinance. He returned close to 9 p.m., when he and another patrolman issued nine summonses for loitering. The group had expanded to over 30. As Persson went to leave the park alone in his car, he said his automobile was blocked on three sides by teenagers, he was forced to get out of the car, and in attempting to effect the arrest of one youth, he was jumped by about five other young people who scratched, punched, kicked him and poked him in the eye.

The group next marched to the home of Mayor Trumpp, demanding to discuss the issue.

The teenagers then re-assembled at Borough Hall, where Mayor Ted Trumpp led a discussion regarding the park area. The Mayor, Police Board, and representatives of the Recreation Commission were scheduled to meet again on Wednesday night with five representatives of the teenagers, to detail the Borough's anti-loitering ordinance and to hear the teenagers' side of the story.

La Grande Park became a meeting place for young people last summer, when there were several complaints from neighbors regarding noise, driving patterns, littering, etc.

The Recreation Commission also complained last summer that the gathering of the teenagers at the park entrance had deterred many parents in the community from sending their young children to use the park facilities during the eight-week park program.

Since spring, the youths, who range up to about 22 in age, have been gathering once again at the park corner. They usually congregate around 7 p.m., sometimes within the park and sometimes along the sidewalk bordering it. On occasion, they sit atop their cars parked along the street. One of the group admitted Tuesday night to the Mayor and other officials that he and his friends do occasionally drink beer within the park, but he charged that the baseball players also do so.

In the lengthy discussion which took place, Mayor Trumpp offered the services of the Recreation Commission, which was

represented at the gathering by Jerry Boryea and Director Ed Lambertsen, to organize activities for the group. They don't want to have to play games or conduct a ballgame, etc. they told the Mayor. They want a place simply to meet friends and sit and talk. Some of the teenagers charged that the police "harass" and "hassle" them by watching them, staring, shining flashlights, etc. One said she hung around the Forest Road Park for three or four months without being bothered by police.

"We are probably cleaner and neater than any of you people ever were," one of the youths told the Mayor, Police Commissioner Van Dyke Pollitt and the Recreation officials. Another said that, although he has been indicted a "few times" he sees no reason for the police to watch him suspiciously.

Mayor Trumpp agreed when the teenagers said the benches were made for the public to sit upon, but "you have to learn the laws and abide by them," he added. The community officials are trying to be fair, Trumpp said, and "nobody has anything against you," but there have been complaints from adults within the community and it is the obligation of the Borough Police to insure public order for the residents, Trumpp pointed out repeatedly.

Last year, before the ordinance which has become known as "the peace and good order" ordinance was drafted, Trumpp noted that representatives of the Council met with two teenagers representing the park group, and discussed the provisions of the ordinance. The two young people said that the teens as a group wholeheartedly endorsed the ordinance, since it fixed the rules for everybody and everybody would know exactly what laws to

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